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Rhee Urges U.N. To Resume War On Communists

SEOUL, Tuesday (UP). — President Syngman Rhee urged the U.N. today to stop talking with the Communists and reopen the Korean war. But at the same time he reluctantly renewed his pledge that he would allow a peace conference 90 days to unify his country before risking any military action of his own.

In New Year's greetings to the people of South and North Korea, the President made it clear that he believed that lasting world peace can be achieved only by driving the Communists out of Korea.

To ensure that the three-year-war was not fought in vain, Rhee asked his allies 'to conclude futile discussions with the Communists, and to rise with us in courage and valour for the last great battle to annihilate the Communist forces that seek the destruction of the free world."

But Rhee said he could not press the war alone, as unilateral action "would seriously have affected our relations with friendly nations overseas."

Britain Says Korean PoW's Must Be Freed on Time

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Foreign Office today repeated its demand that all prisoners of war in Korea must be released on January 22 under the Korean Armistice agreement.

A spokesman made the statement in a press conference comment on yesterday's majority report of the Neutral Nation's Repatriation Commission in Korea.

He said that Britain disagreed with parts of the report—signed by the Indian, Polish and Czech delegates—which had charged that the Allied side, and particularly South Korea, had influenced anti-Communist prisoners in Indian custody not to return home.

The spokesman added that there was some kind of organization among the prisoners held by the Allies, but disputed that it was anything like the three nations' delegates had alleged.

France Concerned Over Unrest in Morocco

PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — Gen. Augustin Guillaume, Resident General in Morocco, was summoned here today for urgent conferences over recently increasing unrest in the North African Protectorate.

He will see Premier Joseph Laniel tonight and other leaders later.

The Government is concerned because, after several months of semi-quiet in Morocco, new waves of terrorism are sweeping the country. French colonials are demanding a new "hard" policy, while moderates suggest holding off any action until the influence of recently passed reforms has been felt.

US Accepts Jan. 25 As Date for Berlin Parley

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Secretary of State Dulles at his news conference today made it clear that the U.S. favours accepting January 25 as the date for the opening of the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference, as proposed by the Soviet Union.

He said that the date was satisfactory, although not as satisfactory as the earlier date of January 4, originally proposed by the West, would have been.

The Secretary stated that the U.S. would have to think of ways to begin discussions with Russia on President Eisenhower's atomic pool plan before the Big Four meet in Berlin. He added that he found a very slight variation of wording from previous Soviet statements in the Russian reaction to the proposal, and realized that to the USSR even a slight variation of words could seem to have a greater significance than the West attached to them.

Personally, however, he could not attach any great significance to this variation, Mr. Dulles admitted.

Slight Difference

The Soviet note on the Eisenhower plan appeared to link prohibition of atomic weapons with international controls in a way which might differ slightly from past Soviet proposals, he pointed out, and emphasized that the President's intention was to begin atomic energy discussion in a modest way that could enable a new approach to the whole question.

The Secretary said it was not decided if the discussions would take place through normal diplomatic channels or through the U.N. Disarmament Commission, but that he thought the Soviet note indicated preference for diplomatic channels.

Turning to the Far East, Mr. Dulles stated that he had the impression that the importance of the Vietminh offensive in Laos had been exaggerated in the American press, and there was no reason "for anyone to get panicky." He saw significance in the fact that the French press did not make as much of it as the American newspapers.

Mr. Dulles gave his opinion that the offensive had been exaggerated beyond its military significance for political motives, but added that he did not know the source of this build-up.

He expressed confidence, however, that the attack would be turned aside and that there would be no interference with the French plan for victory in Indo-China in the coming year.

(UP, Reuter)

West Consult On Reply to Russia

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Prime Minister Churchill and his Cabinet today approved the proposal for a Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting with Russia in Berlin on January 25.

The Cabinet met this afternoon at No. 10 Downing Street as the U.S., Britain and France began consultations on their notes which, informed sources said, would say "yes" to the date proposed by the Soviets.

Officials said that the three Powers are expected to send a note later this week accepting the Soviet proposal.

British officials have "no serious objection" to the Soviet note. They believe that it is not worth haggling about the date nor very much about the actual place of meeting, but they believe it should be in the Western Zone.

The West proposed the Allied Control Council building in West Berlin. Russia, in reply, proposed that the Allied High Commission representatives settle where the meeting should be held. Officials indicated that Britain has no objection to that and foresaw little trouble.

Vietminh Tactics Puzzle French

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Vietminh Commander-In-Chief, General Vonguyen Giap, whose lightning advance split Indo-China in two, kept the French Army guessing tonight about his next blow in the battle for Laos.

Powerful French forces were massed in Central Laos 10 kilometres north of the towns of Savannakhet and Seno, but they were completely in the dark about the whereabouts of the Vietminh division which reached the Mekong River on Saturday.

"The enemy troops appear to have vanished in the jungle and we know nothing about their strength or present location," military quarters here said.

The U.S. Embassy in Saigon denied today that the two American divisions which are being withdrawn from Korea would come to Indo-China to help the French.

The French had every available aircraft in service today, flying in thousands of tons of equipment and heavy troop reinforcements in broad daylight. Bombers and fighter bombers pounded rebel supply lines with high explosives and Napalm jellied petrol bombs.

Zionist Congress May Be Put Off Until 1955

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Organization Committee of the Zionist General Council meeting in Jerusalem will present to the plenary session a resolution that the Zionist Congress be held in the summer of 1955. At the World Zionist Congress in 1951, it had been decided to hold the next Congress in 1954, the 50th anniversary of the death of Theodore Herzl. It is felt, however, that the necessary conditions will not have been established by next year.

On the question of the double shekel, by which Israel has received a double number of votes for the Congress, the committee will recommend that the matter be put before the next session of the Zionist General Council.

The Council will sit in plenary session this morning at 11 o'clock to begin the debate on reports from the six committees that have been meeting for the past two days. On Thursday, the motions presented by the committees will be voted upon.

By yesterday evening only two committees, Status and Budget, and Finance and Funds, had finished drafting their resolutions. The Committee on Political Matters, which heard Acting Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, Mr. Beri Locker and Dr. Nahum Goldmann at its morning and afternoon sessions yesterday, met again last night for further discussions with Mr. Sharett.

On Immigration

Mr. Moshe Kol, Director of the Jewish Agency's Child and Youth Immigration Department, spoke on immigration, absorption and youth immigration to the Activities in Israel Committee.

The problems of education and culture in the Diaspora were discussed by the Committee on Education, Culture and Information.

In the morning session, Mr. E. Dobkin, head of the Jewish Agency's Organization Department, spoke to the Education Committee on problems of and accomplishments in the field of youth and immigration. In five years, 13,000 persons have come to Israel from the West; 7,500 settled on the land.

Dr. Goldmann addressed the Status Committee at its morning session. In his address to the Political Committee, among other matters, Dr. Goldmann spoke of the need to form a permanent organization that would be prepared for crises. Dr. S. Levenberg, of England, Chairman of the Political Committee, gave an account of the situation of the Jews in England and the British Government's relation to them and to Israel.

Indian C.P. Calls For 'People's Democracy'

HADURA MADRAS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The third congress of the Indian Communist Party here has re-adopted its 1951 declaration of policy, which regards "as quite natural the task of replacing the present anti-democratic, anti-popular government by a new government of the people's democracy."

The programme also considers necessary the withdrawal of India from the British Commonwealth and confiscation and nationalization of all factories, banks, plantations, shipping and mining owned by the British in India.

The Communists hold 28 seats in India's House of the People (Lower House of Parliament), compared with Congress 362, Independents 26, and Socialists 12.

Tito Invites Nations To Balkan Bloc

LONDON, Tuesday (Ur). — Marshal Tito said today that any nation that feels its independence is threatened can join the Balkan Defence Pact which links Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece, according to Belgrade Radio.

Marshal Tito was quoted as saying that the three countries are determined to defend their independence and peaceful development against aggression.

"The very establishment of friendly relations and cooperation among the three Balkan countries created a powerful element of stabilization and peace in this part of the world," the Marshal said.

Knesset Promised Bill to Prohibit Cartels By April

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A bill forbidding cartels injurious to the welfare of the State will be tabled in the Knesset in three months, Mr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, told the House yesterday, winding up the debate on cartelization which had taken up three sittings. The Knesset passed a resolution, moved by the Coalition parties, that "it has taken cognizance of the fact," and rejected separate motions by all the Opposition parties.

Mr. A. Eisling (Mapam) asked whether a promise by an interim Cabinet was valid. Mr. Y. Shapiro (Mapai) said that the Cabinet is a "stable institution" of Israel Government, although its composition is changeable. Any Cabinet is bound by decisions of its predecessor. Deputy Speaker R. Mintz ruled with Mr. Shapiro.

The Knesset yesterday also adopted:

A bill, extending for a further year the provisions of the temporary Military Code;

An amendment to the Tenure of Property (Emergency Regulation) Law, giving the Custodian of Absentee Property authority to evict any of his tenants given adequate alternative housing;

Amendment to Code

An amendment to the Penal Code, imposing a maximum punishment of life imprisonment for arson to automobiles and aeroplanes; and

Began discussion on an amendment to the Absentee Law, which would cancel the time limit in which civil prosecutions can be brought by or against absentees.

During question time, Minister of Interior, I. Rokach, told Mr. H. Rubin (Mapam) that his Ministry is preparing a bill to cancel municipal business rates.

Professor B. Dinur, Minister of Education, told Mr. E. Habibi (Communist) that no propaganda literature is permitted in schools. Mr. Habibi had objected that some American pamphlets in Hebrew had been distributed to children in Irbat el-Batuf school.

Minister of Labour Golda Myerson told Mr. Rubin that the recent increase in unemployment had been caused by the rains. In addition to orange picking, jobs for 4,000 workers have been arranged by the Ministry in preparing pastures, afforestation, rehabilitation of orchards, extension of postal engineering services and road building.

Cartel Probe Begins On Monday

The sub-committee delegated by the Economic Ministers' Committee to investigate cartels and monopolies will begin its work on Friday morning, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

The sub-committee, consisting of the Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Z. Susayeff; the Adviser to the Finance Minister, Mr. Shim'on Horn, and the Deputy Director of the Economic Advisory Staff, Mr. Bernard Bell, will meet with the economic editors of the press for consultation and exchange of information Friday morning in Tel Aviv.

UN Adjourns Jordan Water Dispute to January 7-15

No Accord Reached on Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UP). — The U.N. Security Council today postponed debate on the Syrian-Israel River Jordan dispute until the week of January 7-15 because of failure to agree on a solution.

The Council agreed on postponement without a vote, although the Soviet Union and Chile—declared their abstention from the decision.

The decision was to adjourn without setting a definite date for reconvention, but with the next meeting to be held not earlier than January 7 and not later than January 15.

Agreement on postponement came after Pakistan withdrew a motion to adjourn *sine die* and Britain withdrew a counter-proposal to adjourn only until January 7.

When the Council reconvened today after a week's recess, the Danish delegate, Mr. William Borberg, reported on the failure of behind-the-scenes negotiations to reach any agreement.

Chairman Alexei Kyrou of Greece, thanking him for his efforts, commented: "There must be a sense of frustration" that after four weeks of discussion no conclusion had been reached. He expressed his belief, however, that in the long run some result would materialise from the airing of views among members.

He recalled the Colombian motion for postponement of the debate until January 11 and said that he would put it to a vote after hearing other proposals.

Pakistan Proposal

The Pakistan delegate proposed an adjournment *sine die* to give the parties time to reach agreement. He suggested that the reconvening of the Council to resume consideration of the situation be left in the hands of the Security Council President who, next month, will be Charles Malik of the Lebanon.

The Pakistan motion was strongly supported by Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky of the Soviet Union, who recalled that he had proposed a *sine die* adjournment when the Council last met. He insisted that the parties be given time to reach agreement, and repeated the argument that the Western resolution is irrelevant, having no bearing on the issues before the Council.

He declared that an indefinite adjournment was not an admission of defeat and added that there was no reason to postpone the session to any specific date, since there was no assurance that the situation would be any different on that date.

Britain, supported by France, opposed a *sine die* adjournment and offered instead, an adjournment until January 7. The British delegate indicated his belief that agreement on the text of a resolution was near.

Dulles Urges Direct Israel-Jordan Talks

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles said that he hoped Israel and Jordan would undertake direct negotiations to try to eliminate some of the disagreements between the two countries.

Asked whether he favoured Israel-Jordan talks as envisaged in the Armistice Agreement between those two countries, Mr. Dulles noted that the Armistice made such meetings obligatory, and went on to say that he hoped that there will be meetings which both sides will approach in good faith and which will aid in eliminating tensions in that area.

Jordan Reply

The Jordan reply to the U.N. Secretary-General will envisage the possibility of talks under Article 11, Paragraph 8 instead of Article 12, Paragraph 3 as suggested by Israel, "A-Diffa" reports.

The Political Committee of the Arab League has left the exact wording of the reply to Jordan herself, but has ordered her to confine her reply to talks under Article 11 only.

The Article invoked by Israel states that changes in the Agreement may be made by mutual consent of the parties, and should that fail, either party may appeal to the Security Council for a decision. The Article Jordan invokes is that "claims or complaints presented by either Party relative to the application of this agreement shall be referred immediately to the Mixed Armistice Commission through the Chairman."

Iraq Denies Report Of Egyptian Protest

BAGHDAD, Tuesday (Reuter). — Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Fadil Jamali said today that Iraq had received no protest from the Egyptian Government.

Replying to a question put to him in the Chamber of Deputies by a member, the Prime Minister stated, "The Iraqi Government has no intention whatsoever of reviving the Saadabad Pact to attach it to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

Repeats Denial

Youssef Agailani, Under-Secretary at the Iraqi Foreign Office, today confirmed his denial of yesterday. Iraqi Ambassador in Cairo Nagib al Alrawi now on a special visit to Baghdad said, "My Embassy has received nothing."

Sayid Abdul Karim Safwat, Egyptian Ambassador in Baghdad, said, "I have as yet no instructions whatsoever from Cairo regarding any kind of protest for submission to the Iraqi Government."

Lieutenant-Colonel Anwar Sadat, a member of the Egyptian Revolution Coincil confirmed in Cairo last night that Egypt had protested to Iraq against Iraq's participation in a modified Middle East defence organization through a revival of the Saadabad Pact, which would be attached to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Nagib, Bevan Discuss Israel, Refugees

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — British left-wing leader Aneurin Bevan and his wife today visited President Nagib at his home here.

They discussed Anglo-Egyptian problems and Egypt's relations with Israel, particularly the future of the Palestine Arab Refugees, it was understood.

The Bevans are on a Middle East tour. They are the guests here of Indian Ambassador K.M. Panikkar.

A Cairo Radio commentator said he was informed that General Nagib told Mr. Bevan that Egypt harboured no aggressive intentions towards Israel or any other nation. Refugees and their compensation in accordance with U.N. resolutions would retrieve stability between the Arab states and Israel, he stated, according to the commentator.

Jews "Live in Peace"

General Nagib pointed out that 50,000 Jews are living among their fellow Egyptian citizens in peace and humanity. They enjoy all the rights and are bound by the obligations of citizenship.

The commentator added that Nagib had asked Mr. Bevan why Arab refugees are not allowed to return to their country and receive similar treatment.

Mr. Bevan was quoted as having assured Nagib that the British people wanted peace with Egypt over the Suez Canal base, but some Members of Parliament oppose this, fearing renewed aggression against Israel. He was said to have expressed the hope that both sides would seek to improve the political situation.

The Egyptian Ambassador to Moscow, General Aziz el Masry, has been recalled to Cairo for consultation, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Cairo today.

Envoys Confer

He will take part in a series of conferences with the Egyptian Vice-Premier, Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser, who at present is holding conferences with Egypt's Ambassadors in London and Washington.

Egyptian leaders are reviewing the country's foreign policy "from all angles," a spokesman at the Revolution Headquarters said today.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian and Russian Governments are about to complete a draft for a trade agreement. Since Egypt recognized Soviet Russia in 1944, trade between them has been on a barter basis, mostly Egyptian cotton against Russian wheat. Egyptian rice, phosphates and manganese ore are included in the list of goods being discussed in the current trade talks.

"Al Ahram" reports that the U.S. and Great Britain have proposed to Egypt that Palestine Arab refugees be resettled in special areas in Syria with Western financial aid.

Mossadegh Appeals—But To Civil Supreme Court

TEHERAN, Tuesday (UP). — Former Premier Mohammed Mossadegh put military prosecutor Hussein Azemoudeh back on the defensive today by appointing three civilian lawyers to conduct the appeal of his three-year prison sentence. But he stipulated that they must present the appeal to a civilian supreme court.

Mossadegh barely beat the deadline for appointing counsel. The Court which passed sentence on the 72-year-old deposed Premier a week ago, said that if he did not choose his lawyers by today, the Army would find lawyers for him.

The appeal is supposed to be conducted before a military court, and Prosecuter Azemoudeh, who clashed with Mossadegh nearly every day during his six-week trial, said once again that no civilian court can consider the case as it stands now.

Postal Rates Rise Effective Today

An order increasing postage on inland letters from 45 to 60 pruta, the telephone charge from 40 to 50 pruta, and inland cable rates by 10 pruta per word, will be issued today, *The Jerusalem Post* learned last night.

In order to retain the "popular" character of mass communication, Minister of Posts, Yosef Burg said, postcard rates will not be changed.

The new rates should add an annual IL.2m. to Post Office income.

Dr. Burg added that a new low-cost "night letter" telegram service will be initiated, and also special inexpensive holiday and family greeting telegrams with certain fixed texts.

Dr. Burg explained to *The Jerusalem Post* that the order will be issued only after informing the Knesset Finance Committee, even though there is no legal obligation on the Minister to do so.

French Postal Workers To Extend Strike

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Key postal workers whose week-old strike disorganised France's Christmas mail, tonight decided to continue and extend the walk-out.

The strikers—sorters on trains and at Paris railway termini — claimed that the movement is spreading to other services.

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Gov't to Link Loans To Real Money Value

The Finance Ministry favours a new policy of linking the repayment of long-term Government loans to industry with the cost-of-living index, or guaranteeing larger loans by receiving shares in the firm concerned, a reliable source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. The loans, generally for five years or longer, would come from the Development Budget.

The measures would be adopted in order to avoid receiving payment in currency which might lose or gain in terms of real value.

The first alternative, to link repayment with the cost-of-living index, would apply, according to the source, to small loans, and would give the Government no participation in the management of the firms involved.

The second, to apply only to "large" loans, such as to the electric corporations, Mekorot and similar enterprises, would give the Treasury shares in the firms proportionate to the size of the loan. The rise or fall in the value of the currency would be reflected in the value of the shares, it is maintained, and consequently protect the Government investment.

The plan, which is favoured by the Finance Ministry and economic experts, already has met with opposition from leaders of the Manufacturers' Association. It is understood that strong opposition also will be voiced by the General Zionist members of the Economic Ministers' Committee when the policy is brought up for discussion.

The manufacturers reportedly protest that they cannot contract debts if the amount to be repaid is unclear. They are also understood to oppose Government participation in their enterprises.

Member of Border Marking Unit Slain; Jordan Given Prior Notice

An Israel soldier was fatally wounded at noon on Monday when a shot was fired across the Armistice Lines from Jordan near Budrus, in the Lydda area, the Army spokesman announces.

The soldier was a member of a security unit accompanying a party of surveyors which began marking the border on the Israel side during the morning. The Jordan authorities had been informed that the party would be in the area, the spokesman said.

The Jerusalem Post learns that the Jordan authorities had been warned a week in advance that the party would be sent to mark the border at this point. The notification stated that if no reply was received by December 25 (Friday), this would be taken to mean that the Jordan Government would not join in the work, but that Israel would carry on the job alone.

The day before the work started, Jordan was notified again that work would begin the next day.

ANA reports that General Vagn Bennike, U.N. Chief of Staff, recently stated that he is going to double the number of U.N. observers attached to the Israel-Jordan M.A.C. This would bring their number to 12.

One observer is to be stationed in Hebron and another in Nablus so that they can proceed immediately to the scene of an incident upon receiving radio notification from U.N. Headquarters. In both cases, 90 minutes in travel time would be saved.

The Army spokesman announced yesterday that an emergency meeting of the Israel-Jordan M.A.C. took place to discuss the Israel complaint, but it was postponed until today to permit the investigation to be completed.

ANA said yesterday that the Jordan M.A.C. delegates, accompanied by U.N. observers, proceeded to the scene, but "could not find any traces of the alleged incident."

The investigating team waited for four hours for the Israel delegates to appear and when they failed to arrive the team returned to Jerusalem.

Regarding the incident in the Duweima area, near Hebron, in which an Israel soldier was wounded on Monday by fire directed across the Armistice Lines, ANA charges that the soldier was a member of a group that penetrated 200 metres inside Jordan. The unit opened covering fire and crossed the lines to steal a flock of sheep. Jordan National Guardsmen returned the fire and an hour-long clash ensued, it was said.

An official Jordan communique stated that the Israel unit was of platoon strength and was supported by armoured cars.

Jordan has submitted a complaint to the Israel-Jordan M.A.C.

Itim reports that the Arab Legion yesterday returned a young woman, a resident of Mekor Haim suburb, who had crossed the Lines on December 14 at Beit Safafa, near Jerusalem.

The woman, Hatun Navi, was handed over to Israel Police at Mandelbaum Gate. She is to be given a psychiatric examination as she is believed in weak mental condition. She had previously crossed over to Jordan, at the end of May.

DRIVER TAKES TWO ARMED MARAUDERS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — Two armed marauders were captured a few days ago by a Border Police driver on the road near Bassa, in the North, it was learned here today.

The driver noticed the two men hiding in a ditch near the road. Noting that they were both armed with pistols, he stopped his car, shot in the air and ordered them to raise their hands.

6 Cairo Students Repatriated

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday (ITIM). —The six Cairo students who were detained when they crossed into Israel from the Gaza Strip on Saturday, today were transferred to Egyptian delegates of the Israel-Egyptian mixed Armistice Commission at the Mi'ilya roadblock.

They told reporters today that they had been on a trip to Gaza, organized by the Scout movement, of which they are members. In Gaza, they stayed at a secondary school and toured the surrounding area. They delayed their return to Cairo on Saturday because one of the group was sick.

They therefore decided to spend the day cycling about on bicycles hired from a local resident.

Fire Warning

When they reached the roadblock inside Israel, they were seen by members of nearby Nahal-Oz, who fired warning shots into the air. The students, aged 20 and 21, then waved their handkerchiefs in the air.

They were brought to the Police station here. Upon learning that a member of Kibbutz Nahal-Oz recently had been killed by marauders from the Gaza area, they expressed surprise at the courteous manner of their treatment.

During their three days in Israel, the six youths received Army rations.

They are all students at Cairo's Commercial College, and come from middle-class families. The father of one of them is a senior official in the office of President Nagib.

Army Intelligence Branch Made Separate Unit; Avidar is Chief

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The creation of two new branches to Army GHQ, and the names of their chiefs was announced by the new Chief of G-Branch, Aluf Yosef Avidar, to military correspondents at General Headquarters today. The changes took effect from yesterday.

Intelligence, which had hitherto formed part of G-Branch, as in the British system, now constitutes a separate unit, comparable with the American G2 organisation. Another innovation is the creation of Training Branch, hitherto also part of G-Branch. There had been a Training Command before the present set-up came into being, late in 1949.

Aluf Avidar succeeds Commander-in-Chief Moshe Dayan as head of G-Branch; Aluf Mishneh Y. Harcavi is appointed Deputy Chief of Intelligence; Aluf Itzhak Rabin, Chief of Training. Aluf-Mishneh Zvi Tsur, promoted to Aluf, remains Adjutant-General.

Aluf-Mishneh Dan Tolkowski, Acting Air Force Commander, has been confirmed as Commander with the rank of Aluf.

A new Commander is appointed for Nahal: he is Sgan-Aluf Aharon Doron. The former chief, Aluf-Mishneh Moshe Netzer, has retired from the service to return to kibbutz Ramat Yohanan. Former Commander of Training Department, Aluf-Mishneh Meir Hazore'a, has also returned to his kibbutz, Ma'agan Michael.

Aluf-Mishneh Yosef Eitan has been appointed Acting O.C. Central Command, in place of Aluf Avidar.

Aluf Avidar, born in 1906, commanded Hagana forces in the Old City of Jerusalem during the 1929 disturbances. In 1931, he lost his left hand when a grenade exploded while he was teaching a course. He was Quartermaster General when the Israel Defence Forces came into being in 1948. For a time, he was deputy to the late Itzhak Sadeh, Haganah Chief of Staff. Aluf Rabin, born in 1922 in Jerusalem, graduated from the Cadoorie Agricultural School as its best pupil, receiving the Wauchope Prize. He was in the Palmach unit which crossed into Syria in 1941 under British command. He was Commander of the Harel Battalion of Palmach which fought to keep the road to Jerusalem open. For a time, he was Operations Chief at GHQ. Last year, Aluf Rabin passed a Senior Officers' Course in Britain.

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Egypt Planning To Reorganize League

The Egyptian Government has prepared a blueprint for the reorganisation of the Arab League, the Damascus daily, "El Binah," reports.

Citing official circles in Cairo, the newspaper says that the Egyptian Government has concluded that the Arab League is a failure as a regional organisation.

Egypt plans to present the blueprint to the Arab League Council which is to meet in Cairo on January 9. It is understood that Egypt will make her continued membership in the League contingent on the acceptance of the blueprint.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi held a reception for the members of the Zionist General Council in the President's office in Jerusalem yesterday evening. The Bialik Literature Prize will be awarded at 8.30 tomorrow night to the President and to Mr. Ya'acov Fichman, the poet, at a ceremony to be held in the Municipal Hall Tel Aviv. The President's lecture on "The Ingathering of the Exiles" will be broadcast.

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The Minister of Education and Culture, Professor B. Dinur, resumed his duties yesterday after a vacation.

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Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Knesset Speaker, will receive the $1,000 Stephen Wise Award of the World Jewish Congress today at the King David Hotel, Jerusalem.

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Passengers arriving by Air France yesterday included the French Consul-General in Jerusalem, M. Bertrand de la Sabliere, returning from home leave, and Mme de la Sabliere; Mr. Y. Hoffman, back from a U.J.A. tour in the U.S., and Mr. David Stern, head of the Jewish Agency's Economic Department in New York.

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Mr. T. Kollek, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, left for New York yesterday for a one-month visit in connection with the Consolidation Loan.

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U.S. Senator D. Rudsten, of Massachussets, returned home yesterday by Air France, after a one-month visit.

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A reception for Dr. Harris J. Levine, President of the Jewish National Fund in the U.S., was held yesterday in the Board Room of the J.N.F. in Jerusalem. Dr. Avraham Granott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fund, paid tribute to the guest of honour and was supported by Mr. Avraham Harzfeld, Mr. Fred Monosson and Mr. Mendel N. Fisher, Executive Director of the J.N.F. in the U.S. Among those present were: Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Emmanuel Neumann, Rabbi M. Kirshblum, Mr. J. Bondy, Mr. G. Falk, Mr. A. Redelheim, Mr. M. May, Dr. S. Margoshes, and members of the J.N.F. Board of Directors.

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Mrs. M. Golub, President of the Mizrahi Women of America, yesterday dedicated a library presented by the organization to the Girls' Home in Mekor Baruch, Jerusalem.

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Mrs. Rose Viteles, Chairman of the Hadassah Vocational Education Services, returned on Monday, by El Al from a visit to the U.S.

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Mr. Leo Krown, former Director of Patwa in the U.S. and Canada, has returned to Jerusalem.

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Today's meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, a business session, will take place at 7.15 p.m.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Pinhas Loewensohn

The death took place in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, December 23, 1953, of Mr. Pinhas Loewensohn, at the age of 68.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 349 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 43.9 & 322 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.15 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 As the Opera (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Stephen Wise Award to Yoseph Sprinzak (relay from King David Hotel, Jerusalem). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.30 Agricultural Corner. 7.40 Cantoral Request Programme (R). 8.00 'Just Arrived' (R). 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 "I Remember." 9.00 Twenty Questions. 9.30 American Songs (R). 9.45 Classical Request Programme: Impromptu in G Major (Schubert), Cello Concerto (Dvorak); Symphony No.9 (Shostakowitz). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

(49, 220, 214, 48.9 M.)

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Opera (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (28.3 M.): 11.15 News. 11.25 Agricultural Report. 11.30 Musical Greetings (R). 11.45 "The Week's News."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 229 & 235 M.). 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 This Week's Composer. 8.00 Galei Zahal Ensemble. 8.30 News. 8.45 War Literature. 9.00 "Twenty Questions." 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.91 & 19.91 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Youth Magazine.

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500 Mourners Attend Davis Memorial

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The body of Mr. Monnett B. Davis, the U.S. Ambassador and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, was taken aboard a T.W.A. plane at noon today. It is understood that the plane, the "Star of Indiana" (the State in which Mr. Davis was born) will carry the coffin to Paris where it will be transferred to another aircraft. Mrs. Davis and her son Thomas were on the plane.

A brief memorial service conducted by the Rev. R.G. Allison was held this morning at the Presbyterian Church of St. Peter's in Jaffa. The coffin was brought to the church at 7 o'clock this morning from the Municipal Hospital, where it had lain since the Ambassador's death on Saturday. An honour guard of eight U.S. marines escorted it to the church, where it was placed on a black catafalque and covered with the American flag.

Two candles burned at the head, against a Christmas backdrop of greenery covering the end wall. An honour guard of Israel Defence Force paratroopers was drawn up before the church. The mourners began to arrive at 9 o'clock. They included Mrs. Davis and her son; the Acting Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett; Sgan-Aluf Y. Carmel, representing the President; Dr. Dov Joseph; Mr. Levi Eshkol; Mr. Peretz Bernstein; District representative Y. Kuperman, representing Mr. Y. Rokach; Mrs. Vera Weizmann; Mrs. Rebecca Shulman; Mr. Bruce McDaniel; Mr. Francis Russell, Counsellor to the U.S. Embassy; all members of the Diplomatic Corps, led by the acting Dean, M. Pierre Gilbert; U.N. Observers, led by General Vagn Bennike; Government officials; U.S. Embassy and T.C.A. personnel and many friends. Nearly 500 mourners packed the small church.

The church choir was made up of members of the American and British Embassies. Rev. Allison spoke briefly on Monnett Davis, whose work on behalf of his country in Israel "was not in vain." He recalled that Mr. Davis had returned to Israel though still ill, and had died at his post.

After the 20-minute service the mourners, led by Mrs. Davis and her son, filed past the bier and out of the church. The coffin was then borne from the church by eight marines past a waiting line of diplomats and Government officials, in front of the paratroop honour guard, and placed on an open police tender. The tender carried it to Lydda Airport escorted by police motorcycle outriders and was followed by a *cortege* of cars.

The offices of the U.S. Embassy here were closed today, but crowds lined up to sign the visitors' book available at the entrance.

NEGEV COMMUNICATIONS

A radio-telegraph station at Revivim, in the Negev, was put in operation on Monday in the presence of Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of Posts, and Mr. Haim Ben Menahem, Postmaster-General.

Dr. Burg announced that other stations soon would be opened in Kfar Yeroham and Kibbutz Gevulot. Stations already are in operation in Mashabei-Sadeh, Sde Boker and in several mobile post offices.

The Baron' Coming Home to Zichron

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The remains of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, who died in Paris in 1934, will be brought over land and laid to their final rest in Zichron Ya'acov, on April 6. A mausoleum has been under construction there for the past year.

Zichron Ya'acov, founded in 1882, owes much of its development to the support of Baron de Rothschild and was named after his father, James (Jacob) Mayer de Rothschild.

It has also been announced that the de Rothschild family has donated an 11-dunam tract at Ya'arot Hacarmel to PICA which has transferred it to the Haifa Municipality for the establishment of a youth hostel.

ILO Director Due

Mr. David A. Morse, Director General of the International Labour Office, is due to arrive early next week as guest of the Government.

An American citizen, Mr. Morse is one of the foremost labour experts in the world. In 1932, at the age of 25, he served as Chief Counsel of the Petroleum Labour Policy Board.

After Mr. Roosevelt's election as President, Mr. Morse was appointed Regional Attorney of the National Labour Relations Board.

During World War II he was Director of the Manpower Division of the U.S. Group Control Council in Germany, and in September 1945, returned to the U.S. and served as General Counsel of the National Labour Relations Board.

From 1946 Mr. Morse served consecutively as Assistant Secretary of Labour, Under-Secretary of Labour and Acting Secretary of Labour.

In June 1948 he headed the American delegation to the I.L.O. conference and in September of that year was appointed Director-General of the International Labour Organization.

Press Review :

Chances of Peace Recede Once More with League's Decision

Commenting on the Arab League's decision that Jordan should not enter into direct talks with Israel, "Ha'aretz" (Independent) writes that the dilatoriness with which this decision was taken shows that Jordan knows she is accepting a large measure of responsibility for this violation of the Armistice. There have been other violations but these were not committed openly; none of the Armistice signatories has ever decided to repudiate its obligations. The paper believes that pressure has been exerted by the leaders of the Arab League who themselves are not free agents but have to follow the line dictated by the extremists. Israel will not be able to accept Jordan's announcement without a reaction and the chances of peace once more recede.

"Herut" attacks the re-emergence of the remnant of the *"Brith Shalom"* whose sense of justice and humanity allegedly was stirred only after Kibya. The paper explains this phenomenon as well as "certain editorials in the afternoon press" against the general background of political and economic crisis brought about by the Mapai regime. However, says the paper, the "days of the *Brit Shalom* will never return" and if there is any debate now, it is about how we should react to attacks now that statehood has become a fact.

Arab Responsibility

"Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) asserts that an all-out effort should be made to bring the League's decision to the attention of the world, so that it may be realized who is responsible for the refusal to enter into peace negotiations. The same applies to the unwillingness of the Arab states to take any step towards settling the refugees.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) is concerned that the introduction of the unified exchange rate may cause a new wave of increased prices. The paper therefore calls for working class unity to ensure that C.o.L. payments do not lag behind the rise in prices. The paper holds that most of the IL.200m. Budget is paid for by the masses and only a small part by the rich: any new increase in prices will in fact be tantamount to a new tax. An end should be put to this reactionary policy.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) takes the introduction of the new unified exchange rate for granted and asks what is to become of Mr. Bernstein's plan for the stabilization of prices. Another question is why the agreement of the Knesset on this matter has not been obtained. The paper doubts whether the Treasury's income will be increased by this new policy.

Correct Step

"Haboker" (General Zionist) says that the abolition of the various exchange rates is a step in the right direction. Two main problems must be solved: how to preserve stability of prices and not become involved in the inflationary spiral (or, alternatively in a substantial lowering of the standard of living) and, secondly, the question of export. Israel prices are in many instances not very attractive and the additional payments for fuel etc. will have an adverse effect. It depends upon the Treasury's future policy whether the introduction of the unified exchange rate will be a step towards economic recovery or towards yet one more rise in prices.

Senior Civil Servants' Case

By DAVID JARVIS

Recently senior civil servants went on strike. They did not call it a strike, but an 'absence' from work, since they merely took a day's holiday as part of their annual leave. Perhaps the right title for the affair would be a 'gentleman's strike'.

The important question is whether or not they were 'absenting' themselves for a justifiable reason. The trade unions claim that it is out of order for one section of a profession separately to claim a wage increase. The senior civil servants retort that their legitimate grievances are not adequately championed by the Clerical Workers' Union. Indeed th top five grades in the Government service wish to form a separate union of their own. This demand would not be altogether preposterous if the claimants were viewed as highly skilled workers, forming a separate trade group from the merely skilled and semi-skilled workers that constitute the lower grades of the Civil Service.

The claim is not preposterous at all, if the strikers' grievances themselves are examined. They are the worst hit of all classes and groups (with the notable exception of the unemployed) under the New Economic Policy. Their wages were always low in comparison to the wages of their juniors here and their equalls in other countries. It has been suggested that the reason is the abundant supply of intellectuals in the past among Jewish inhabitants of this country. The intelligentsia were, to put it bluntly, two a penny; and according to the law of supply and demand, their wages were low.

Today, an intelligent and educated man has become a relatively scarce commodity in Israel; yet his price in the Government market, instead of rising, has declined still further. All that part of his salary which indicates his superiority over the unskilled employee without responsibilities, has been deprived of cost-of-living allowance. The portion of his basic pay which is over IL.80 a month, has been more than halved in value over the last two years. His real salary has decreased on the average by a fifth. This at a time when the average real wages in industry have risen by four per cent.

Influence of Salary

The diminished salary exercises an important influence on the senior civil servant himself. He finds that he is compelled to seek spare - time work — which is against his contract as a civil servant. This influences adversely his concentration on the very wide and demanding tasks that his post requires. He must reduce the working hours of his maid and help his wife with the washing. Part of his annual leave is spent in looking after the children, bathing them feeding them, putting them to bed, while his wife goes away for a well-deserved rest. He queues for fish, and buys the potatoes.

It must be remembered that the senior civil servant almost invariably works at his government job for longer hours than officially required. Committees often sit until the evening, and few government officers in the top five grades go home at night without a despatch case full of papers.

What increase then does he demand? Since his request is that he be raised to parity with those Government lawyers and economists who recently have been granted what might be described as 'trade pay', he will at best secure a net rise of IL.25 a month. We have the situation therefore that the Director-General of a Ministry, who earns, say, £14/10 (sterling) a week gross or £11 net after deducting income tax and social charges (at the rate of IL.5 to the £1 sterling, which represents fairly closely the purchasing powers of the two currencies), is asking for a 25 shilling raise.

Is this increase enough? Can the Director-General do justice to his work under these conditions? Does not the size of his salary constitute a false economy? It is certainly right and proper that even the highest government officials should live modest lives, with few luxuries. But is it not necessary that he be free from the anxieties and distractions of a deficit in his household budget? Should the man in charge of a department spending, say, IL5m. a year, have to devote his short weekend of rest to domestic chores?

The opposing argument is that Israel cannot increase her wage bill, and the top ranks in the Civil Service should set the example. Pay should not be raised for departmental heads whilst widows in *ma'barot* cannot afford to buy bread. It may be answered in parenthesis that an increase in pay among senior civil servants would raise the employment index of, among others, domestic servants.

Research Project Suggested

Perhaps the escape from the political or sentimental dilemma is to make a scientific estimate of the loss and gain sustained by the State at different wage levels for top officials. A research project is necessary into the household budget of government divisional chiefs, examining how many run a deficit, whether in that case they have supplementary sources of income, what these sources are and, finally, what they do with their spare time. Such a project would throw an amazing light upon the necessities of the situation.

We need to know what pay scales are required to make it worth-while for young people to embark on a university education with the purpose of entering government service. At present there is hardly any incentive for a civil servant to accept greater responsibilities, since the augmentation in his salary at each grade would not even cover his monthly contribution to the Histadrut.

A rise in top grade salaries constitutes a rise in the prospects of every keen young candidate for the civil service. What standard is to be set would be determined in the research project. The general principle, however, may be stated as follows. A senior government servant must receive the minimum salary required to make him devote all his working day to his task. Such a salary must leave his leisure time totally free for the general reading and wider intellectual interests that are dangerously lacking among the leaders of our administration today.

The Manufacturers' Association has pointed to the Government, as the initiator in wage matters. Perhaps a sane Government decision on the question of comparative wages within their own service might set in motion comparable rationalizations in wage-structure over the country at large.

AT THE CINEMA

"MOULIN ROUGE," the Technicolor film based on Toulouse-Lautrec's life as narrated in Pierre La Mure's novel of that title, is now shown at the Chen cinema in Tel Aviv. After the show, a girl of 16 told me with unconcealed disappointment: "I didn't weep once. But I wept when I read the book!" — an explanation which may well serve as a critical approach to the work.

Almost every scene of the film reflects the producers' drive for artistry; as they had to deal with the painter as the central character, colour was the main concern. Toulouse-Lautrec's paintings and posters and the world they mirror so effectively were recreated with much taste and considerable technical skill (particularly in the field of colour photography); the first scene between Toulouse-Lautrec and Marie Charlet in the former's studio, for instance, reveals a series of colour compositions of rare beauty; (I didn't much care, however, for the noisy opening sequence at the "Moulin Rouge" with masses of grimacing dancers and spectators).

As a contrast to the refined work of the colour cameras, efforts to sublimate the psychological as well as dramatic impulses dictated by the figure of Toulouse-Lautrec were ineffectual. In my opinion, it could not have been otherwise. The painter's physical immobility and the additional immobility of mimicry and abruptness of speech cultivated by actor Jose Ferrer have a paralyzing impact on the dramatic fluency of the film as well as on the human appeal of its central character. But for the thoroughly original radiance of Colette Marchand (the charming solo dancer of the "Ballet de Paris" and partner of Roland Petit) who here makes her screen début in the role of Marie Charlet, the whole work has suffered considerably.

A little song, composed by Georges Auric and sung by Zsa-Zsa Gabor (Jane Avril) has in the meanwhile become quite popular the world over—a phenomenon I fail to understand. Suzanne Flon (Miriam) is very moving in her well presented nobility. As far as the director John Huston is concerned it must be confirmed that he handles this very peculiar job carefully and with much taste—but his talents have appeared to be far more brilliant in other films. *Mo.*

KIWIS BEAT N.E. TRANSVAAL

The touring New Zealand cricket side defeated the North East Transvaal in a three-day match at Benoni by three wickets in a tight finish on Wednesday. After the Kiwis had knocked up 239 for 9 declared in their first innings and dismissed the South African side for 73 (as previously reported), the Transvaal men followed on.

Thanks to a fine knock, particularly by A. Dennis, 97 not out, and W. Hall, 67, their second innings total went to 350 for five before they declared. The New Zealanders had 153 runs to make in 160 minutes for a win. They hit 136 for seven, for the requisite runs, with three minutes to spare. The Transvaal bowler Middlewick took four Kiwi wickets for 94 runs.

Delek Begins Ring Of Filling Stations

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The modern new filling station recently opened by the Israel Fuel Corporation, Delek, in the Bayside area is the first in a chain that is to cover the whole country, it was learned here.

A second station has already begun operating in Rishon Le Zion and two more are going up in Ramat Gan and Zichron Ya'acov, to be completed within two months. Altogether, the national company plans to build in the near future 15 stations to include the Negev.

The setting up of filling stations is the third stage in Delek's development. The first was the import of oil and its refining here; the second was the wholesale distribution of oil products.

Although the company is a national one, and its operations save the country foreign currency, its fight for marketing rights reportedly has been difficult. Far from receiving any privileges, or even encouragement, the company claims, it has come up against many instances of vested interests preventing its establishing a countrywide retailing system. In many places Delek salesmen have not yet been given a chance to operate, it is alleged, and because of this, the company has not yet succeeded in finding markets for all the fuel it is entitled to sell under its agreement with the oil companies.

The firm operates on a strictly business basis. It plans to build restaurants and conveniences at the out-of-the-way stations. Its kerosene distributors have reintroduced the "kerosene to your doorstep" system, and are under strict orders to give full measure.

Next week the company is to put six small 6,000 litre tanker trucks into service to supply smaller workshops and settlements, which will be equipped with automatic meters for exact gauging of sales. At present dip sticks are in general use. The company also recently put up fuel tanks on the fishing quay here, also equipped with automatic meters, for the convenience of the fishing fleet.

Rents Ordinance No Inheritance

The protection given by the Rents Restrictions Ordinance cannot be inherited, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court has ruled in the case of Alaklai vs. Zemach.

The Rent Restrictions Ordinance protects a widow when the tenant dies. In the case of Mr. Zemach, the tenant died ten years ago and his widow was protected by the Ordinance. Recently, the widow died and her heirs also claimed protection.

The Court ruled as a matter of principle that protection is given once and cannot be inherited. *(Communicated)*

Notices to the Public

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The Postmaster General hereby announces that on Tuesday, January 5, 1954, a new 1954 series of coin stamps will be issued. The stamps — which were designed by Mr. O. Wallisch, Tel Aviv—are of 80, 95, 100 and 125 pruta denominations.

This new series will be on sale from the above date at all Post Offices and Postal Agencies throughout the country, and also at the Israel Philatelic Service, 2 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv.

First day covers will be on sale on the day of issue at 60 pruta each at the Israel Philatelic Service, all Post Offices and at Postal Agencies of Grade 2. First day covers and any other postal matter bearing the new stamps may be franked by request of the public on the day of issue, with a special "Day of Issue" cancellation in addition to the Post Office cancellation, at Post Office counters and at the Israel Philatelic Service.

First day covers bearing stamps of the new series and the cancellation of the Jerusalem Post Office will be on sale on the day of issue at 440 pruta each at the Israel Philatelic Service, 2 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv and at its temporary branch, Main Post Office Building, 132 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that stamps with descriptive tabs and plate number blocks will be sold until further notice at the Israel Philatelic Service, and on the day of issue, also at its temporary branch, Main Post Office Building, Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

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3 plate number blocks.

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Drawing of War Loan (Bonus Bonds) 1948, 4th Issue

The 31st Drawing of the above Loan will take place on Thursday, January 7, 1954, at 9.45 a.m. at "Ohel Shem" Hall, 30 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv.

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Drawing of War Loan (Reform Bonds) 1948, 2nd Issue

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★ **Exhibitions:** —
From own collections: "Painting and Sculpture in Israel," "Old Masters," "Dancer," bronze by Edgar Degas, "Modern French Graphics," Bezalel National Museum. 9-1, 2-5.
Paintings by Ruth Schloss and Naftali Bezem, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.

Concert:—
Italian Music by the Jerusalem Quartet of "Collegium Musicum," auspices — Dante Alighieri Society, Jerusalem; Israel Touring Club. 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibition:** —
"Leonardo the Artist and Man of Science." Photographs and reproductions. "Illustrated Manuscripts." Sketches by Leopold Krakauer. Municipal Museum. 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ **Theatre:** —
"Home & Sea" Chamber Theatre, Mograbi. 8 p.m.

★ **Entertainment:** —
Concert Noga Cafe, 5 to 12 p.m. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

★ **Lecture:**—
"The reconstruction of the Italian Mercantile Fleet." Mr. F. Zampetti, Italian Consul in Haifa; The Rotary Club, Zion Hotel, 1 p.m.

★ **Exhibition:** —
"Fifty Years of French Painting" — Municipal Museum of Modern Art—Town Hall—10-1 only.

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Three film shows on French Art —Manet, Gauguin, Montmartre—Pevsner House, 8 p.m.

HERZLIA ON SEA

★ **Entertainment:** —
Dine and Dance at the Sharon Hotel.

NATANYA

★ **Theatre:** —
"Nasr-A-Din," Chamber Theatre. 8 p.m.

HERZLIA

★ **Theatre:** —
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FORECAST: After dispersal of fog during the morning hours, the sky will be covered with high and medium clouds and light rain may fall at times.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temp. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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A GROUP OF 20 Baptist pilgrims returned to the U.S. yesterday by T.W.A. after a three-day tour.

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A TRIAL CONSIGNMENT of ten tons of tomato puree was shipped yesterday by Saniakol of Haifa to five fish preserving factories in Norway. It will be used in the preparation of sardines in tomato sauce.

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THE SECOND published list of import licences granted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry can be inspected at all Ministry branches, and at the offices of the Manufacturers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Artisans' Association. The publication may be obtained from the Ministry's Economic Publications' Department at 100 pruta per copy, or IL.3.600 for an annual subscription.

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THE PICKET of about 50 unemployed taxicab drivers outside the Arie inter-urban taxi company in Rehov Mikve Israel, Tel Aviv, continued yesterday, for the second consecutive day.

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THE ABOLITION of control on private kindergarten fees was gazetted on December 17.

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A BRANCH POST Office will open on Friday at the Tel Hashomer hospital and will serve the public every day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Eshkol Flatly Denies Money Rumour As Rush Is Made on Tavei Dollar

Jerusalem Post Staff

The turnover in Tavei Dollar securities in the Tell Aviv Stock Exchange was about $100,000 on Monday and about $80,000 yesterday. The easy sales were due to rumours that a new exchange of currency notes coupled with a 10-20% reduction was soon to take place.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that there was absolutely no foundation to this rumour. He said that its effect was detrimental and might have been planned by interested parties.

The great rise in the price paid for Tavei Dollar induced many owners to sell all or part of their holdings. Those who have been purchasing these securities lately, despite the high price, have drawn upon their bank deposits in a effort to avoid the loss involved in the rumoured exchange. During the last exchange of currency, the Treasury gained between IL.10-m.-12m.

Other securities, mainly industrial shares, also profitted from the strong demand.

Rate Changes

The Finance Ministry informed all banks by a circular issued yesterday of the changes in the exchange rate which go into effect on January 1.

The official rate is set at IL.1 per dollar, with most dollar transactions to be reckoned at IL.1 plus 80%.

Foodstuffs, such as grain, fodder, cattle, milk products, fresh fruit and nuts; oil and oil seeds, fuel oil, asphalt, sulphur, manure, diamonds, insecticides, books, records, newspapers and other items, will be imported at the official IL.1 rate.

Treasury purchases of foreign currency for the rest will be at the IL.1 rate, plus 80% except for national funds, institutions and organizations who will receive the rate of IL.1 plus 30%.

Allocations made before December 31, but not used by them will be calculated to include the 80% charge.

Students now abroad will continue to receive $1 per IL.1.

'Father-Complex' Murderer Condemned

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — The death sentence was imposed on Ya'acov Marhaby by the District Court here today for the murder of Yosef Marhaby—whom he believed to have been his father—in Petah Tikva last May.

Ya'acov Marhaby killed Yosef for failing to recognise him as his son. Yosef had claimed that Ya'acov was his stepson. After killing Yosef he surrendered to the police, saying "I killed my father."

The Court, composed of judges M. Kenneth, E. Many and S. Kassan, will recommend that the President reduce the sentence to life imprisonment. The accused also has been granted the right of appeal.

The Court found that the murder was premeditated and that Yosef apparently did not consider himself to be Ya'acov's father although the Court was not called upon to establish the question of parenthood.

The recommendation to clemency was given in view of the accused's tragic life and the "father complex" with which he had been burdened.

US Surplus Food On Market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A gift of 1,690,000 pounds of food, including rice, sugar and fats, has been donated to Hadassah by the U.S. Government for use in Israel, Mrs. Raphael Tourover, Washington representative of Hadassah announced on Monday. Distribution of the first shipments has now begun.

Mrs. Tourover, who arrived in Israel last week to attend the Zionist General Council meeting, has been designated by Hadassah to supervize the distribution. The gift, she stated, was made under President Eisenhower's "Operation Reindeer," through which food was released as holiday gifts to nations benefitting from the U.S. Foreign Operations Administration programme.

$250,000 Gift

The gift, valued at $250,000, was made through Hadassah in its capacity as an American voluntary agency accredited to the President's Advisory Committee on Foreign Aid.

Hadassah has undertaken to distribute the food in Israel without cost. As a token of its responsibility for the distribution, Hadassah made a payment of $50,000 to the U.S. Government, Mrs. Tourover declared. Shipping charges from the U.S. were assumed by the U.S. Government.

The foodstuffs include 200,000 pounds each of rice and sugar, 100,000 pounds each of evaporated milk and canned *non-kosher* beef, and 100,000 pounds each of dried beans, prunes, raisins and vegetable shortening.

A committee of representatives of the Hadassah Medical Organization and Youth Aliya will distribute all items except the *non-kosher* meat to H.M.O. and Youth Aliya institutions for the exclusive benefit of wards and patients of these institutions.

Free Beef

The *non-kosher* meat, all beef, will be distributed free of charge among the Arab population through a committee consisting of Mr. Mas'ad Kassis, Arab M.K.; representatives of H.M.O., Youth Aliya, the Department of Minorities of the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Food Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The meat will be distributed to social cases, school kitchens and Arab Christian residents through regular ration channels.

Industry Demands Pay by Output

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The demands of the Manufacturers' Association for amendments to collective wage agreements for the coming year today were submitted to the Histadrut. The Association claims that the amendments aim at raising efficiency and productivity.

The two sides are due to meet tomorrow to begin discussions on the agreements and on outstanding wage claims.

The main points of the amendments are:

1. To link pay to output through piece-work, or, alternately, through a system of pay linked to individual or collective production bonuses. Introduction of these systems should be at the discretion of the manufacturers.

2. To establish regulations within each factory to secure discipline.

3. To recognise the efficiency and usefulness of the individual worker as the determining factor in cases of legitimate discharge; this means establishing the right of management to discharge workers according to their efficiency, and not on a "first in last out" system.

4. To devise adequate machinery for mediation and arbitration based on equal participation of both sides, in order to avoid possible conflicts leading to strikes or lock-outs.

The Association pointed out that it had no intention of interfering with the basic social rights of workers.

Israel Firms Pledge Little to Technion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The stalemate at the Technion, now closed for ten days, continues. The students are spending hundreds of pounds on a publicity campaign designed to influence public opinion in their favour.

A point under discussion is the part played by industrialists in the Technion's budget. During the years when local industry was riding the inflation crest and reaping substantial profits, its contributions amounted to no more than IL.15,000. At that time, American Jewish industrialists were contributing millions of dollars towards the expansion of the Institute.

This year, several of the major enterprises which benefit from the Technion's output of engineers, have made or promised substantial contributions towards the maintenance of the school. From a total of 1,200 contributors, IL.150,000 have been received, less than 10% of the Technion's budget, with individual gifts ranging from IL.2 upwards. The twelve major contributors in order of size of contributions, are Solel Boneh, the Palestine Electric Corporation, the Haifa Municipality, the Manufacturer's Association, Nesher Cement Works, Mekorot, Hamerkaz Hahakla'i, the Ata Textile Works, the Palestine Central Trade and Investment Company, Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Tnuva and the Palestine Cold Storage Company.

Barley Ordered To Ease Fodder Lack

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of 7,700 tons of barley has been ordered from abroad for immediate delivery, a Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman stated in Jerusalem last night.

The shipments will comprise 6,000 tons from North Africa and 1,700 from Cyprus. The spokesman would give no details of price or further information on the transaction.

It is believed that this will in some measure ease the tight fodder situation which developed recently, but it is not yet known whether the four-for-meat programme will be continued.

It will be recalled that the Treasury has opposed transactions, usually barters, from those countries with which Israel has no trade agreement. It feels that such deals usually involve the import, in exchange, of unnecessary items, on which exaggerated profits are earned.

The announcement, accordingly, represents a victory for the exporters, observers point out.

Senior Civil Servants To Strike Monday

The senior Civil Servants' three-day strike is to begin on Monday, it was decided at a national meeting held in Jerusalem yesterday attended by over 200 members.

A special executive committee to implement the strike is to be set up.

Exceptions will be made only in special cases where absence may cause serious damage to the State. The former committee resigned as a protest against lack of cooperation by the Government and the Histadrut.

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POLISH COMPOSER DEAD

Julian Tuwim, noted Polish composer, died on Monday at Zakopani, Poland, at the age of 59, it is reported. Tuwim represented the Hebrew University at a public ceremony in Warsaw in 1948 commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

J'lem Staff Reject Mayor's Proposal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A heated meeting of the "strike committee" last night failed to bring back the Jerusalem Municipal staff to their posts after the six-day walk-out against non-payment of salaries.

The committees rejected Mayor Kariv's proposal to devote incoming funds to the November payroll, which has been partially settled," and, beginning from January first, to pay Departments during the month in accordance with the rate of municipal income.

The Mayor yesterday asked the City Engineer to discharge 80 temporary labourers hired by the Municipality, thereby provoking a threat from the "strike committee" to extend the closure of departments.

In the meantime, the workers' committee decided to allow the pumping-station, the power-plant and the garbage collectors to continue working, at least until Friday.

Villagers Fight Over Land Rights

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Settlers of the work village Alkosh clashed yesterday with fellahin of Kafr Fasouta, both in Upper Galilee, and four Jewish settlers were seriously hurt.

The settlers of Alkosh, all recent immigrants, went out to plough a field lying between the two villages. A group of Arabs from Fasouta appeared and told them to leave, claiming the land as theirs.

The Jews replied that they would not be intimidated and after a quarrel, the Arabs reportedly started a fight. The police restored order and are investigating. No arrests have been made yet.

Alkosh settlers say that they received the land from the Jewish National Fund a fortnight ago.

Ben-Zvi Asks Fast Formation of Gov't

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The President yesterday called upon the Press to stress the need for the speedy formation of a new Government. He was speaking at the luncheon tendered annually in his honour by the Jerusalem Journalists' Association.

Mr. Ben-Zvi expressed his hope that more newspapers would establish themselves in Jerusalem. It is the capital of Israel, and "the centre towards which all Jews turned." He lauded the appearance of the new Hebrew daily, "Zmanim." The President recalled the early Hebrew and Yiddish newspapers in Palestine, some of which he had helped to publish.

The first Hebrew newspapers in the country appeared in Jer-

salem, he pointed out. Publishers had moved to Tel Aviv during the Mandate; now, the President felt, there is the beginning of a movement back to Jerusalem.

A large number of newspaper readers are being developed by the schools and the Army, he said, recalling that 45 years ago a group of Russian Jews in Palestine had written to Isaac's, "Send us literature in Yiddish, because the Yemenite Jews do not yet understand Russian."

The President pointed out that half the Jewish population are from Islamic lands, whose culture would influence the people of Israel. Most of the Jews in these countries had already come to Israel, he said, and stressed the importance of immigration from the free nations, particularly America.

New immigrants are becoming citizens, he said. In the area around Tiberias he had seen "every sign that they are developing."

The President brought greetings to the journalists from Mrs. Ben-Zvi, who was unable to attend because of a chill.

The function was held at the Eden Hotel.

British Guiana Party Denies It Is Communist

GEORGETOWN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The leftwing People's Progressive Party here today denied that the party is Communist, and stated that it is a broad alliance to all democratic forces with the aim of securing self-Government for the peoples of British Guiana.

It said that it feared prosecution, and the statement added that if this were done "we shall be forced to carry out an intensified campaign of non-cooperation with the Government."

The Governor announced last night that he had named 10 members of an Executive Council and 27 members of an Interim Legislative Council to carry out the duties formerly administered by the PPP Ministers deposed for alleged Communist tendencies.

A commission of enquiry will come here early in the new year to recommend a final form of constitution.

Police raided the headquarters of the PPP yesterday and seized a quantity of pamphlets addressed to the Governor, Sir Alfred Savage, demanding the release of five leaders arrested on October 24 under the emergency regulations.

3,046,000 Men In U.S. Armed Forces

WASHINGTON. — The Defence Department has reported that there were 3,045,954 men and women in the American armed forces by the end of last month, which is 229,000 less than the maximum since the outbreak of the Korean war reached in 1952.

Strength is divided as follows: Army 1,502,000; Navy 779,057; Marine Corps 251,770 and Air Force 923,575.

Ike Acts to Avert Railway Strike

AUGUSTA, Tuesday (Reuter).— President Eisenhower set up an emergency board today to head off a threatened strike of more than a million railway workers represented by "non-operating" unions.

"Non-operating" union members include clerks, track men and others who do not work on moving trains.

The dispute, over health and welfare demands, affects 150 railways throughout the country.

The creation of the three-man emergency board means that, for a 60-day negotiating period, the 15 unions are barred by law from striking.

Maccabi Outplays French Hoopsters

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Two victories were scored by the touring Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team in France in the last two days.

In a brilliant game yesterday, Maccabi beat a selected team of the Paris Wileurbanne and Marly clubs 66:48 (32:27) in Paris. Maccabi outplayed the French team all along and managed to check the concentrated attacks on its board in the last minutes of play.

On Sunday, Maccabi beat the selected team of the Champagne district in Rheims 63:40.

U.S. LEADS AUSSIES IN DAVIS CUP FINAL

MELBOURNE, Tuesday (AFP). — Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas (US) today defeated the Australian pair Lewis Hoad and Rex Hartwig, by 6/2, 6/4 and 6/4 in the doubles match of the Davis Cup final.

The U.S. is now leading by two matches to one.

Weapons Discovered In Basra Synagogue

BASRA, Tuesday (AFP). — The Iraqi military authorities have discovered in an abandoned synagogue in Basra a stock of military equipment, including six Sten guns, 13 cases of ammunition, a supply of hand-grenades and explosives, as well as four Israel flags and military publications in Hebrew.

The Basra synagogue has been unused for the past two years since the exodus of Jews to Israel began. The Jewish community in this port at present numbers about 100 persons.

Cables in Brief

PHILANTHROPIST. — The Malayan Chinese millionaire philanthropist and newspaper chain owner, Aw Boon Haw, announced yesterday that he would build 100 stone houses for victims of the Christmas Day fire in Hongkong, which left 60,000 persons homeless. Aw's announcement followed earlier news that he was giving $5,000 for the relief of fire victims.

FREEZING. — Four people died and two mountaineers were missing yesterday as the thermometer dropped to 18 degrees Centigrade below freezing point in the Italian Alps.

FIRST. — A 37-year-old American soldier became the first foreign serviceman to be sentenced by a Japanese court yesterday when he was given one year in jail for assaulting a civilian. The sentence, levied against Cpl. James Overton, was suspended.

INQUIRY.—The Soviet authorities in Berlin, replying to a Western protest, have promised the Western Commandants to inquire into the shooting of a West Berlin boy on the city's border on December 26, a British spokesman announced in Berlin last night.

PHYSICS. — A new Institute of Physics is to be created in Poland to carry out nuclear research, the Polish news agency reported yesterday.

Health Budget Lags Behind Rising Spiral

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Health draft budget for 1954-55 amounts to IL.26m., including a debt of IL.1,175,000 carried over from 1953, and a current deficit of IL.1.8m., Mr. Y. Berlin, told the Health Advisory Council in Jerusalem yesterday.

Although the current budget was estimated at IL.14.3m., the Minister explained, actual expenditure will reach IL.18m. to cover increased costs. In fact, the mounting spiral of prices has already made the IL.26m. draft an underestimate.

Mr. Berlin emphasized that despite the requested increase, funds will not be available to expand preventive medicine effectively, nor to ensure sufficient hospital-room in the North of the country.

Over half the budget is for hospitalization, in the form of a doubled subsidy (IL.1,000 per annum) to non-Government hospital beds, maintenance of existing Government beds, and reinforcement of under-staffed hospitals. For the first time, 70 beds will be reserved for chronic patients, and 100 beds at Assaf Harofeh will be used in the rehabilitation of poliomyletis victims. Over 1,000 crippled children await operations and therapy, Dr. S. Btesh, the Ministry's Director General reported earlier. A further 400 beds are scheduled for mental patients, whose numbers and neglected condition provoked the grave anxiety of several Health Council members.

Draft Budget Reaction

The 37 Health Council members recently re-appointed from the ranks of the medical and allied professions, criticised the draft budget as inadequate for meeting the needs of sanitation, and hospitalization of tuberculosis and mental cases. Dr. W. Abeles, Jerusalem, head of Kupat Holim, noted that three beds were available for every 1,000 mentally sick, while the over-all ratio of three general beds per 1,000 of the population was about half that of Western countries. Untold numbers of tuberculosis sufferers and chronic invalids were living at home instead of benefitting from care in a proper institution.

On the other hand, remarked Dr. B. Harell, Director of Assuta hospital, Tel Aviv, the ceiling has been reached in the provision of wards for maternity and surgical cases — although the distribution of beds is regionally uneven. Insanitary food handling is still prevalent, he complained, saying that more funds should be devoted to health education and the installation of refuse disposal plants.

Fear of unbelievably poor nutrition which threatens to damage the health of the next generation was voiced by several doctors. Mr. Serlin had already noted that vitamins would be allocated to children in next year's plan.

RATION NEWS

HAIFA AND SHOMRON AREA: Eggs: 3. Dalet 16; temp. 6; for invalids: 4. Het Aleph 1; 3. Het Bet 13; 8. Het Gimel 24. For expectant mothers: 8 each. 23. 24. Butter: 100 gr. for invalids: Het Aleph 1. Het Bet 12. Het Gimel 24; for children: Mem Aleph 21. Mem Bet 21. Chicken: for invalids: 500 gr., Het Bet 11, 12. Fillet: 150 gr., Dalet 17.

Ship, Plane Travel Now Costs More

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Travel abroad will cost more, according to the Ministry of Finance spokesman, since IL.1,800 will be charged for $1.

First and second class ship fares, and all airplane fares will be taxed 15%. In effect, this raises the price by 70 pruta per dollar. Previously, a 100% tax was exacted on the IL.1-$1 rate.

Although no tax will be imposed on third and dormitory class ship travel, actually the cost for third class will be 50 pruta more for $1 (there was a 75% tax previously), and dormitory 350 pruta more, in view of the previous 45% tax.

Plem Pencil Company Exports: $157,000

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Jerusalem Pencil Company exported products valued at $157,000 in 1953 and may expand its foreign markets in the immediate future, according to favourable reports received from several markets, the Company's directors claim.

The firm was established in 1952 and 85% of its output is destined for abroad. Orders have been received from Canada, South Africa and various European countries, especially Norway. Attempts are now being made to gain a foothold in South American markets.

The firm produces 120 kinds of pencils of 17 different grades — black, coloured, copying, technical, cosmetic, etc., and has a capacity of 200,000 gross a year.

Bread Shortage In Beersheba

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — A shortage of bread was felt here today.

It is alleged that the weekly ration of flour was exhausted as parts of it had been sold illegally to Arabs. But it is possible that the shortage is due to new supplies being withheld by the flour mills while awaiting a rise in prices.

Plaintiffs Ask Delay In Electricity Case

An application for an injunction order to prevent the setting up of the transformer in the Bet Hakerem quarter of Jerusalem is to be heard on January 19.

It was to have been heard on January 1, 3 and 4, but after the Court and the interested parties visited the site on Sunday the plaintiffs asked for the postponment. It is understood that they have asked that another visit be arranged to the site. Judge B. Sherashevsky, of the District Court who is hearing the case, issued no injunction order on Monday to permit operation of the transformer to continue as reported. Earlier this month he cancelled an *ex-parte* injunction. This cancellation in fact allowed the use of the transformer.

CORRECTION

Dr. A. Wiener represented Professor H. Albeck in the out-of-court settlement arranged in the case of the disputed authorship of the commentary on "Seder Nezikin," and not the advocates mentioned in an *Itim* report published by this paper yesterday.

Ex-Policeman Fined For Slapping Woman

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Dov Silver, a former police officer, was fined IL.60 by the District Court here today for slapping a woman's face.

Haya Rabinovitz, of Kiryat Motzkin, claimed that the accused, her neighbour, had smacked her when she intervened in a dispute between him and another woman, and that she lost several teeth.

Judge Y. Gubernik acquitted Silver of a charge of causing bodily harm as it had not been proved that the woman had lost her teeth because of the slap.

Bee-Keepers Confer

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — The 11th National Convention of the Apiculture Association opened here today with Mr. D. Artzi, of the Ministry of Agriculture, calling on the bee-keepers to raise production of honey to sell at low retail prices.

Mr. A. Ben Neriah, leading figure in the Association, asserted that honey is being sold at reasonable prices. He demanded Government subsidies and wider general support for bee-keepers.

N.Zealand Thanks Israel

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — "Please convey to your Government our appreciation for your message of sympathy which was conveyed to all concerned," Mr. Clifton Webb, New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs, wrote to Dr. Mordecai Nurock, MK, in reply to his message of condolence on the occasion of the Wellington disaster.

Meanwhile, reports from Wellington, New Zealand, said that the number of known dead and missing has been reduced to 146 from the former estimate of 168. Nine more persons previously unaccounted for have reported as safe. (INA, UP)

Bedek to Manage All Local Air Repairs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The Government-owned Bedek aircraft maintenance base at the outskirts of the airport here will be ready to go into full operation by next June, spokesmen for the corporation told newsmen during a tour of the installations today. There will be no official opening and parts of the base will be brought into use gradually, as they are completed. Part of the workshops in fact are already in operation, repairing, maintaining and rebuilding single-engined Piper Cubs and Stearmans of Chim-Avir and twin-engined Rapides of Arkia.

The first job on a larger aircraft will be carried out next month, when El Al's fourth Constellation arrives. Bedek will carry out a tank-sealing operation on the wings and will thus save half of the estimated cost in foreign currency, corporation spokesmen said.

When completed, the base will represent an investment of some $2,117,000 and about IL.2m. in local currency. It will be operated by the Bedek Aircraft Corporation, the Managing Director of which is Mr. Al Schwimmer, owner of a large aircraft maintenance base in California who is now devoting all his time to the Lydda shop. Mr. E. Shamir is in charge of administration and personnel, and Mr. D. Agronsky is in charge of the financial and commercial department.

The base will employ some 1,000 workers. The foreign technicians among them will train local personnel and gradually hand over to them.

Corporation spokesmen said today that when the base is completed, local requirements (of El Al, Arkia, Chim-Avir and any other civil planes) will occupy only 60% of the plant's capacity, and cover its costs. The excess 40% capacity will work on export orders. Because of the lower costs here, it is hoped that the base will receive engine maintenance contracts from abroad, especially Latin America and T. key.

An El Al spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight that the Israel air line would hand its engine maintenance, at present carried out by BOAC, to Bedek if the Lydda base is competitive in both price and quality. El Al will continue to do its own "first-line" and airframe maintenance.

Big Rise in USSR Industrial Output

MOSCOW, Tuesday. — "Pravda" said today that Soviet industrial output in 1953 had increased two and half times over 1940.

The key production figures for 1955 given in the editorial were: more than 38 million tons of steel, over 320 million tons of coal and 52 million tons of oil and 133,000 million kilowatt hours of electricity.

Chemicals production rose by three times, and production machinery equipment 3.8 times over 1940.

"Pravda" said that 1953 saw a "great multiplying of our industrial might and increase in the possibility of equipping all branches of Socialist production with the latest techniques." The paper contrasted this with unemployment and an arms drive "disorganizing the economies of capitalist countries."

It added that the volume of consumer goods production this year exceeded the 1940 level by 72%.

On the agricultural front, the editorial said that Soviet farmers had received 150,000 15-h.p. tractors, 42,000 combines and more than 2 million units of other types of agricultural implements in 1953. "Pravda" added that 70,000m. rubles had been allocated to agriculture in order to raise farm production during the next two or three years.

(Reuter, UP)

Russians Return Two American Prisoners

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter).— The Soviet authorities in East Berlin today handed over to the American Army two Americans who had been held in the Soviet Union for several years.

They were Private Homer Cox, aged 33, who disappeared in September, 1944, while serving as a military policeman in West Berlin, and Weland Towers, aged 29, last heard of in October, 1951, while travelling to Europe as a tourist.

City Engineers Plan Suburbs

RAMAT GAN, Tuesday. — The two-day Convention of City Engineers which opened in Petah Tikva yesterday closed today in B'nei Brak. The Convention today mainly discussed a lecture by Mr. A. Ruskus, who is in charge of planning at the Ministry of Interior, on "Planning Suburb Towns."

SDOM WORKERS "ROTATE"

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — A number of workers at the Sdom potash works, some of whom are from here, will be discharged shortly, the head of the local labour exchange announced today.

The reason given is the need to rotate workers, giving unemployed men a chance to work. Those discharged will have been employed in Sdom for about four months.

Eilat Receives French Expert

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM). — M. Louis Billotey, French port construction expert, arrived by KLM last night on a two-week visit to advise the Ministry of Development on the planning of a port at Eilat.

A few hours after his arrival, M. Billotey accompanied by officials and technicians of the Ministry, flew down to Eilat by Arkia to begin his investigations.

SARAH SIEFF DIES

LONDON, Tuesday (INA). — Mrs. Sarah Sieff, died at her home in London yesterday at the age of 86. She was the widow of Ephraim Sieff and mother of Lady Marks, Mrs. Istorik, Mr. Israel Sieff and Miss Adelaide Sieff.

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THE Army apparently has been the first organized group in this country to discover enthusiastically "functional thinking"—and to adopt it. In the hectic post-war year, when the best minds of the Army were busy devising new methods to organize a defensive force, the idea that realities must be met with realistic measures fixed the direction which the reformers followed with unswerving determination Many a night was spent in heated discussions on what a GHQ should be like.

ARMY CHANGES

When, at the end of 1949, a final organization was created, it represented an adaptation of the British system. The main functions of the General Staff were divided into three branches — the Executive, combining Operations, Intelligence and Training; the Personnel, corresponding roughly to the function of the Adjutant-General in the British Army; and the Equipment, on the lines of the Quartermaster-General's office.

Thereafter, for the next three years, officers and men were trained to think logically and refer matters that arose to the proper authorities. The "channels" had been created to run the complex Army machine.

But the Army has never stopped worrying about its future. The merits of other systems were studied with care, and their worth in relation to local conditions assessed. The changes announced yesterday are the fruit of hard logical thinking by a body of experts who constitute the General Staff and the High Command, and it may be assumed that these, or similar changes, would have occurred sooner or later had there been no alterations at the head of the General Staff.

The main feature of the changes is that Intelligence has become an independent branch, as it is in the American army; and that Training has also become a separate branch, as it had been in the first year of the Israel Army. Although adopted for purely technical expediency, the significance of these changes is obvious. Many of the successes of the Hagana troops in the War of Independence were won by a thorough knowledge of the country and the enemy. On the other hand, it had been found that under local conditions, the recruit must be given much more care than in countries with a homogeneous population, and that the training of NCOs and officers, too, required special attention if quality was to be substituted for quantity in the Army of a small and poor people.

If the innovations in the GHQ indicate an evolution of thought, the shuffle of personnel shows a similar continuity. The officers named in yesterday's nominations are neither "unknowns," nor "dark horses" who have come unexpectedly to the top. They have all held command positions or performed organizational functions at the top level before, and now step naturally into their new posts.

It is well that the public has been taken into the Army's confidence in connection with the changes. It is too often forgotten here, and not clearly understood abroad either, that Israel is almost in its entirety a Border Country, where the security forces have a daily job and do not only have to prepare for possible eventual hostilities. It is hardly realized that only because of the constant vigilance of the armed forces, is any peaceful development possible at all.

It should not be forgotten, of course, that to give an army undue prominence can result in certain tendencies which might breed dangerous complications. These, however, are hardly likely to develop in Israel, where if anything, there is an even greater danger in unnecessary modesty.

East Germans Banking On Failure of Berlin Meeting

By RICHARD LOEWENTHAL

BERLIN, (OFNS). — THE group of Communist leaders at present in control of Eastern Germany with the acting Premier Herr Walter Ulbricht at the head, (the Premier Herr Otto Grotewohl, is in Moscow), is clearly counting on the failure of the four-Power conference on Germany due to open in Berlin next month. Its Press propaganda campaign is even now preparing for the moment when responsibility for failure will be pinned to the West. The Communists will have twin excuses, that the West refuses to give up the project of arming German soldiers within the European Army or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and that it refuses to guarantee the Oder - Neisse frontier between Germany and Poland. Both refusals are to be presented as proof of the Western intention of revenge.

Until the Prime Minister and the Soviet High Commissioner, Mr. Vladimir Smeonov, have returned from Moscow, propaganda emanating in their absence from the Ulbricht group cannot be taken as a final indication of what Moscow's tactics will be at the conference. But the Ulbricht group is clearly linked with the more intransigent representatives of the Stalin tradition in the Kremlin; and in view of the progress recently made by this group as shown in the most recent changes in Communist Party appointments; in the style of the sudden execution of Lavrenti Beria, former Russian Internal Affairs Minister, for treason and in the resumption of trials of "Zionists" in several satellite countries; the policy of its German exponents must be taken seriously.

Ulbricht's Speech

Ulbricht's speech to the East Berlin "People's Chamber" last week was more adroitly formulated than his previous efforts. He no longer harped back explicitly to the 1945 Potsdam agreement, the memory of which is detested throughout Germany, but merely recalled that the four occupying Powers agreed, "at their previous Berlin conference in 1945," on measures to prevent a revival of German militarism. He did not ask for the "neutralization" of a united Germany — for the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, has succeeded in making Germans believe hat this means unarmed neutrality in which they would be defenceless at the mercy of Russia — but merely spoke of an "independent Germany" whose armed forces would be fixed in the peace treaty and whose frontiers would be guaranteed by the signatory powers.

He hinted that Russia at the conference would attack the European Army project as preparation for an army of revenge, and would try to prove its case by demanding Western guarantees of the Oder-Neisse frontier before agreeing to any steps towards unification.

The official Western position is that frontiers are a part of the peace treaty, and that a peace treaty can be concluded only with a freely-elected all-German Government. But it would be difficult for the West to refuse even discussion of the frontier question at this stage, after having recognised the existence of a legitimate Russian need for security. Recent Communist propaganda moves, like the invitation of nine French Parliamentarians who toured Poland's six German provinces, have reinforced the pressure, and Polish and Czech representatives in East Berlin are confident that Russia will support their wish to send observers to the conference for that reason.

Whisper Campaign

At the same time, the controlled East German Press is full of articles accusing Adenauer and the United States of deliberately sabotaging the conference in advance by their insistence on going ahead with the European Defence Community plans; while Eastern whispering propaganda even spreads rumours that the Americans are preparing, through their "agents", another rising in the Soviet Zone — this time in the countryside — in order to make it impossible to hold a conference in Berlin.

Another whispered slogan here in Berlin is that the border between the Western and Eastern sectors of the city would be hermetically closed if the conference broke down through Western "sabotage", and that the Communist organizations in West Berlin have already received the funds, the instructions and the leadership to enable them to carry on in isolation. It is rumoured that among the higher ranks of Party and Government officials, those who are well informed about "the line" count firmly on a failure; while many of the smaller fry are still afraid of a bargain on German unity which might cost them their jobs.

Nature Notes

Reynard Runs

A FARMER who works in the Negev has been telling me that he had met a fox there in broad daylight, in the middle of nowhere (not far from Mukhraka, to be a little more precise). Like so many incidents that delight the naturalist, it was nothing much, yet it adds to your understanding and your heart warms towards the "little foxes that spoil the vines". My farmer was walking in the fields, rejoicing in the sprouting corn promising a bumper harvest — touch wood! — when he saw a fox trotting towards him quite carelessly, for the wind was in the man's favour, and the fox's nose was to the ground.

The farmer froze in his tracks, and at a distance of about 50 yards the fox first noticed him. He stopped, too, paw in air in the characteristic fox stance — and then continued straight on! His curiosity was greater than his caution. He stopped twice more, and only then, no further than a stone's throw, warned by who knows what instinct, he suddenly turned tail and fled.

The Negev fox (*Vulpes silloticus*) is duller in colour than the two more northerly races of Israel, brownish rather than red, and with grey legs and mask where the others are black. — I don't know whether I should be ashamed to tell it, but while I have often seen mongooses, and hyenas, otters, and badgers several times, I have only met Reynard once in this country. That was years ago near Nahariya, where I watched cubs playing on the hill now covered by the *mahara* — Foxes are well known to be inquisitive, trusting and playful, even where they are hunted, and the American naturalist Devoe tells of a fox who caught a stick thrown to him and played with it.

P.A.

New Look for Tel Aviv and Jaffa

By EDWIN SAMUEL

EACH of Israel's three main cities has its own particular characteristics. Jerusalem is the centre of Government and a University city — the historic capital in an austere setting. Haifa has Mount Carmel and the sea, the Port and some medium-heavy industry. Tel Aviv is flatter and duller than either; but it seethes with energy and is Israel's real capital for business, for the arts and for the Press.

All three have grown at a great rate, Tel Aviv most rapidly of all. Forty-four years ago it was founded as a suburb of Jaffa: today, Jaffa is a suburb of Tel Aviv; the combined populations of the two cities are nearly 350,000. This is almost a quarter of the inhabitants of Israel. The twin cities boast 41 per cent of all Israel's telephones, 37 per cent of private cars and taxicabs and 65 per cent of all buses.

Yet no one can say that Jaffa and Tel Aviv are well planned. The old city of Jaffa, like the old city of Jerusalem, was a rabbit warren. Parts of it were destroyed in the fighting of 1948. The newer areas were often well planned, with villas set in gardens. Tel Aviv, on the other hand, is far too dense. The original Tel Aviv "suburb" was a pleasant village of one and two storey cottages, each set in a little garden, like so many rural communities. The streets were wide enough for the occasional carriage or cart, but are far too narrow for today's unending stream of buses, motorcycles, bicycles, taxis, private cars and giant lorries.

Nor was the planning of Northern Tel Aviv very successful. It grew so rapidly that it was almost impossible for the Municipality, much less the British Administration, to keep planning under proper control. Land speculation drove prices to such heights that high density of population, without adequate parks or school sites, became inevitable. Whole areas grew up as slums; squatters took possession of empty plots and put up wooden shanties, some of which are still to be seen. Stormwater drainage lagged behind, and whole quarters were flooded each winter when the Wadi Musrara overflowed its banks. The sewage system ruined its bathing beaches. Shops, workshops and factories blossomed in areas that should have been purely residential.

FUTURE TEL AVIV-JAFFA

All these problems must now be faced; and, a year ago, Mr. Aaron B. Horwitz, the city planner, was commissioned to make a new Master Plan for Tel Aviv and Jaffa. He was given two year leave of absence by the city of Cleveland, Ohio, and in August submitted the new plan to the Mayor and Municipal Council of Tel Aviv.

The plan involved, first, the division of the whole urban area into four boroughs, the future population of which is estimated at 550,000 (200,000 more than at present). The administrative powers of these boroughs and their relation to a central authority have not yet been worked out but their areas are shown in the accompanying sketch. The central borough — present day Tel Aviv — will cater for 250,000 persons: the Jaffa borough is blue printed to house 100,000: the existing and future suburbs in the Eastern borough will provide homes for an equal number; while the Northern borough beyond the Yarkon River—still largely open ground—will accommodate the remaining 100,000.

Anti-Flood Measures

In order to prevent the overflowing of the Wadi Musrara every winter, it is planned to divert it into the sea south of Jaffa instead of allowing it to flow northwards into the Yarkon. The dry wadi bed then will be straightened and, since it is already public property, used for a new north-south arterial road and railway line, with a site for a large new central railway station on its western edge. As both the railway line and arterial road will be sunk below the level of the neighbouring streets, road bridges can be built across them at low cost. The new arterial road which will pass through Jaffa, will connect with Jaffa Port through a new road following the old railway track to the Jaffa Railway Station.

Another enterprising feature of the master plan is the proposed park along most of the foreshore of both Tel Aviv and Jaffa. The 72-dunam municipal garden along the sandstone cliffs, south of the new Nordau Plaza Hotel, is part of this scheme. The next stage will be to turn part of the old city of Jaffa into a national park, retaining some of the older buildings as an artists' colony. Nearby will be another part containing football grounds in the Manshiah District. The whole seafront between Jaffa and Bat Yam to the south also will be made into a park and used for bathing beaches. The total area of these new parks (see sketch) will be 900 dunams. Only four per cent of this land is in private hands and needs expropriation: the existing population of 3,500 families can therefore be moved without great cost into the reclaimed areas.

Reclamation Areas

At present, ten per cent of Tel Aviv-Jaffa slums require reclamation. Twenty-nine different areas are involved, covering 5,000 dunams and housing 138,000 people: of this land, 3,000 dunams can be re-used for new housing estates, while the remaining 2,000 dunams will be converted into business and industrial centres and seashore parks.

Although two-thirds of the surface of the future Tel Aviv-Jaffa is still open ground, there are very few empty lots in the city centre. This is a particular problem for the schools, few of which have adequate playgrounds or even possibilities of establishing new buildings. No suitable sites for expansion can be found for 15 of the 100 elementary schools except by expensive expropriation and demolition of existing property. The same is true of four of the 20 secondary schools. This is one more of the sins visited by the city fathers upon their children through lack of imagination — probably the most unbearable of all charges that can be levelled against Jews.

Turkey's Second Front

By THEODOR F. MEYSELS

POPULAR history tends to feature Alexander the Great as a military wonder child and to overlook the fact that he was the most considerate founder of cities history has ever known. Not a single one of the many Alexandrias he set up in his spectacular campaigns was ever deserted. All of them are still important, because the reasons for their foundation were so eminently sound. We discussed this fact while the s.s. "Aksu" nosed her way into the Bay of Iskenderun, ancient Alexandretta. I stood at the railing with Dr. Sefer Goeksel, the M.P. for Isnik, historical Nicea. "There you see Turkey's Second Front," the parliamentarian told me, pointing to the southern confines of the wide amphitheatre between Taurus and Muss Dagh, the centre of which the port occupies.

Syria, so I heard from Dr. Goeksel, has never forgiven Turkey for the *Anschluss* of Alexandretta, or rather the ephemeral Republic of Hatay in 1939. Unknown to the world, yet another cold war is waged in the Middle East: in an unofficial boycott, all northern Syria's exports which used to pass through Iskenderun are deviated to the hopelessly inadequate port of Latakia, although Turkey assured Syria of transit privileges when Hatay was absorbed. Frontier incidents, keeping the Turkish gendarmes on their toes, are a daily occurrence, Syria insists on the use of maps in her schools which show the "Sanjak" as part of her territory. Turks have little doubt that should their country have trouble in the north, Syria would stab her in the back.

However, the loss of the Syrian hinterland did not destroy Iskenderun's importance as a port. Geopolitically, this area belongs to Anatolia, even if geography seemingly contradicts this statement. During the whole era of the Crusader States, the suzerainty over the Dukedom of Antioch was a bone of contention between the Byzantine Emperor and the King of Jerusalem. The Byzantines felt (as do the Turks today), that Antioch, the equivalent of present-day Hatay, must belong to Asia Minor, not to Syria. It is the indispensable southern *glacis* of the Cilician Gates over the Taurus, the gateway of hosts since time immemorial.

Leprosy in Past

Old Baedeker notes laconically that "Iskenderun, as early as the fourth century was known as Alexandria Scabiosa, on account of the prevalence of leprosy." Such a description does not arouse great expectations and as a matter of fact, Iskenderun's only antiquities are the baroque tombstones of employees of the British Levant Company which owned a factory there from 1610 to 1825. But even if Iskenderun has lost all visible evidence of its great past, it has outlived its old competitor Seleucia that has fallen into ruin and, as the Turkish outlet of the "Baghdad Bahn," Iskenderun handles all southern Anatolia's exports.

The capital of the Sanjak has been moved to Antioch, and the modest palace of the President of Hatay now serves as a town hall. But with American help, Iskenderun has received the most up-to-date equipment of any port of the eastern Mediterranean except Haifa. Its "Marina" is spick and span, devoid of romantic but malodorous Levantine *laisser faire*. Of its monuments, the Kemal bust is somewhat undersized but the heavy granite cube immortalizing the embarkation of the Turkish contingent to Korea, shows the pride Turkey takes in her participation in democracy's fight.

Arms Threats

Iskenderun is the only port on the eastern Mediterranean littoral free from the Arab blockade. Repeated threats by the Arab League have failed to impress the Turkish Government. Dr. Goeksel, one of the leaders of the Democratic (Government) party, stressed the fact that, for Turkey's Israel policy, sympathy for the second mideastern democracy is even more decisive than trade relations, which are developing in a most promising manner. There is hardly a week that an Israel freighter does not put into Iskenderun. The chrome ore of the Hatay mountains is essential for Israel's metal industry. All wheat bought by Israel will be shipped through Iskenderun.

This frequent traffic between Haifa and Iskenderun easily could be exploited as an additional attraction for visitors: even if Iskenderun itself offers nothing of special interest to the sightseer, the amazing ruins of Antioch and Seleucia are within easy bus-ride distance. Travellers could sleep in the ship and during the day visit the sites of two metropolises of the ancient world. The five dollar allowances could cover the fares, so that Israelis could take this trip into an antiquarian dreamland without special currency allowance.

Since Syria likes the Turkish colours little better than the Israel flag, our homeward course was set to the southwest and the coast was beyond the horizon when we came on deck next morning.

Only in the afternoon did the "Aksu" turn landward and we were able to count the new petrol tanks and ramshackle houses of Tyre through our field-glasses. There was the police post, where Rav Aluf Davan was wounded, the Lebanese Customs House and the dead railway which could link Calais to Cairo, if the Arabs were to come to their senses. Seen from the sea, the white cliff of Rosh Hanikra — lonely olive groves to the north, an unbroken chain of settlements to the south — is a natural border between two ways of life.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE Israel String Quartet's second concert at the Y.M.-C.A. on Saturday presented an attractive, well chosen programme. In the opening Mozart D Major Quartet (K.575) the stroke of the two violin players was occasionally not quite pure, so that sometimes the essential transparency was imperfect. The more did we enjoy Brahms' Quartet in C Minor op. 50 No. 1 which was played in a lyrical manner, warm in feeling, 'dematerialized' in sound. David Lein's viola was remarkably mellow.

As the same ensemble last season performed Prokoffief's first String Quartet op. 50 (1930) the fact that they now gave the first performance of his second Quartet in F. Major op. 92 deserves special recognition. Based on Kabardino-Balkar themes, and similarly to his Overture on Hebrew Themes, the composer freely used his folkloristic material, adapting it to his own individuality in masterly fashion. It is free in its polyphonic manner, sparkling in rhythm, full of melody and humorous touches. There was a wonderful 'cello solo, and with the second movement's pizzicato we fancied that the lights were dimmed for a serenade. The exquisite reading was decidedly the highlight of an animated bill.

We succeeded in arriving at the Y.M.C.A. at the very last moment, (since we had to attend another performance earlier), just as the artists came onto the stage. Although we mentioned that we had Press invitation tickets, we were sent back to the Box Office by the usher, where ten one-piastre stamps were separately stuck on to our tickets. This new municipal tax is charged on complimentary as well as on ordinary tickets; even President Ben-Zvi was required to pay it at a recent performance....

FRANGO

In Tel Aviv

THE highlight of the I.P.O.'s third subscription concert (at the Tel Aviv Ohel Shem Hall on Thursday, George Singer conducting) was Prokoffief's Second Piano Concerto in G minor, played by Shura Cherkassy. The work is full of the revolutionary spirit of pre-World War I days and of the individual energetic forcefulness of a young genius who wanted to terrify his contemporaries. Even now the 40-year-old "shock" does not seem to have lessened. Prokoffief's affection for exaggerated statements and contrasts, through which he drives at ultimate dramatic expressions, that are developed with greater subtlety and refinement in his later works, appear in this early Concerto in their original and most stubborn form. Moreover, the voice of the solo instrument is so predominant, that the orchestral accompaniment, although rewarding in its contrasts of restraint and delicacy, is somewhat unsubstantial. The whole first movement is conceived as a contemplation for the piano, is rhapsodic in character, and culminates in an impetuous cadenza of almost unresolved ferocity. The second movement, a scherzo, offers some relief; Prokoffief knew even before he was 20 how to use an obstinately motoric rhythm as a completely lovely sequence. Finally, the intermezzo and the last allegro bring some anti-climax to the great work.

Cherkassky's interpretation was powerful and merciless, and admirable in technical as well as in spiritual exploitation. The orchestral accompaniment was perfect.

Mr. Singer introduced the evening with Mendelssohn's overture to "Ruy Blas," a piece which sounds—surprisingly as it may seem—like a presentiment of Verdi; he conducted two movements of Yehuda H. Wohl's First Symphony, a competent and sympathetic application of the romantic style to the Israel scene; and concluded the evening with a lively performance of Schumann's D minor Symphony; (though in the first movement, one of the great passages of romantic music, we missed the nervous tension which dominates the entire creation).

Eight Hands

Of the pianists whom I had the occasion to hear during the past week, I liked best Bracha Ende and Alexander Wolkowisky, a partnership, who performed the Poulenc Sonata for two pianos excellently, and not quite so perfectly Brahms' Sonata for two pianos in F Minor, at the Museum. Pnina Salzman (also at the Museum) exaggerated the dynamic element in Beethoven's 'Waldstein' Sonata, particularly in the rondo; and Andreja Preger gave a rather uninspired interpretation of that composer's 'Eroica' Variations at the Z.O.A. House.

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In Haifa

WE were brought into contact with the predecessors of our great classical composers at a chamber music concert at Bet Harofe on Saturday. The music, which is chiefly associated with the church and the court is primarily dignified, yet at times gay and vivid, even talkative.

The Quintet in D Major for flute (Teldren); oboe (Almosnino); violin (Feldman); viola (Mirkin); and bass (Menze) by J.C. Bach who in his time was more renowned than his father Johann Sebastian, is a forerunner of the modern form. The early form of the future piano concerto was evident in Dittersdorf's Concerto in A Major for harpsichord (Arieh Sachs) and strings, with important cadenzas.

In Trios by Stamitz, Graun and the Concerto in D Major by Telemann (arranged by Almosnino) the Italian influence is strongly felt, though all are German in conception. Italian works of the period were represented by Andrea Gabrielli (first violin: Mrs. Hayman) Torellin and Vivaldi.

Mr. Sachs gave an instructive introductory talk to each work performed.

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AMIDAR HOUSING

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to Mr. Greenberg's letter in your issue of December 14 concerning the lack of water-proofing in Shikun Amidar, Nahariya and Amidar's answer that all such complaints are dealt with immediately and could have been prevented by the use of shutters, may we point out that these assertions are not borne out by our experience in Shikun Amidar, Bat Yam. All of our flats have shutters and the repairs and water-proofing were carried out by Amidar during the first winter. Nevertheless, rain continues to come into many of the flats, with walls becoming patchy and water-logged.

As Mr. Greenberg points out, these flats were offered to immigrants from Western countries (who paid for them abroad in foreign currency) as an inducement to settle in Israel. The low quality of the buildings certainly cannot be regarded as an inducement, nor can the fact that the sanitation system installed in the *shikun* is such that after 18 months' use, a large number of cesspools are overflowing despite repeated cleansings, thus posing a serious threat of epidemics.

The company even prevents those who paid for these flats in foreign currency from selling them, obliging them to return the flats to Amidar at a price considerably below that at which Amidar sells them today. Thus, the company is actually trying to profit from the misfortune of those who came to settle in the belief that they had bought a flat in which they would be able to live on coming to Israel.

Yours etc.,
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Bat Yam, December 16.

TURKISH FIGS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with dismay of the exchange of Israel-made radio sets for Turkish figs.

It may be that the Government receives 10% of the export dollars as transfer charges, while another 40% is kept by the Ministry of Finance, but these financial manipulations most certainly do not justify the import of a fruit which grows here on a large scale and which in recent years has often been left to rot on the trees.

Yours etc.,
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